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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING
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Sir:

Applicants received a NOTICE OF DRAWING INCOSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION mailed October 15, 2004 indicating that the drawings filed on July 7, 2004 have been received, but that Fig. 3 listed in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS in the Specification was not contained in the drawings. A copy of the Notice is attached.

Also attached is a complete set of Figs. 1-6 which include corrections approved by the Examiner in Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6.

By way of further explanataion, the drawings filed on July 7, 2004 were only corrected drawings for Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6. In the cover sheet filing the corrected formal drawings, it was requested that these corrected drawings be substituted for the originally filed Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6

drawings. It was further noted that none of the other sheets of drawings required correction. Applicants, therefore, do not understand why the NOTICE OF DRAWINGS INCONSISTENCY states that Fig. 3 is missing since Fig. 3 was never corrected and was part of the six sheets of drawings filed with the original application.

In any event, Applicants are resubmitting a complete set of five (5) sheets of drawings for Figs. 1-6 which include the corrected drawings for Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6. If any further questions remain regarding the drawings or any other aspect of this application, it is requested that Applicants' undersigned attorney be called at (703) 684-1120.

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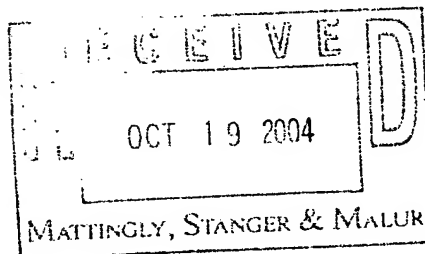
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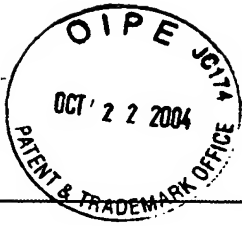
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NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

The drawings filed 07-07-2004 have been received. However, an inconsistency exists between the drawings and the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Figure 3 is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the Drawings.

Figure _____ is contained in the Drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification.

Applicant is required to correct the above-noted inconsistency within a time period of **ONE MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer**, from the mailing date of this Notice, or within the time remaining in the time period set forth in the Notice of Allowability (Form PTOL-37) to file corrected drawings; whichever is longer. **NO EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR 1.136 (a) OR (b)**

Failure to correct the above noted inconsistency will result in **abandonment** of the application.

The file will be held in the Publishing Division to await the correction of the inconsistency.

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